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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

After the assignment of a serial number and prior to the initial examination of the  
above-identified patent application, please make the following amendments:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel original Claims 1 - <sup>18 only</sup>21.

Enter new Claims <sup>19 - 36</sup>1 - 18 as follows:

19 X. A method of preparing a vitamin for delivery to a subject, comprising the steps of:

- (a) adding least one vitamin to a wet carrier to form an ingestible mix; and  
(b) freeze-drying the ingestible mix.

A method according to Claim 1, wherein the at least one vitamin is in solubilised

form.

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